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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S TESTIMONY ON
ARAB BOYCOTT

1. MARCH 1 PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S TESTIMONY ON THE ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION WAS GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT CONTRADICTORY. ENGLISH LANGUAGE JERUSALEM POST AND HEBREW LANGUAGE AL-HAMISHMAR EACH CARRIED STORIES WRITTEN BY WASHINGTON-BASED WOLF BLITZER WITH CONTRADICTORY HEADLINES. POST'S HEADLINE READ: "VANCE REJECTS 'STRONG' BILL ON BOYCOTT" WHILE AL-HAMISHMAR BANNERS: "VANCE: WE'LL SUPPORT NEW ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION." TEXT OF POST STORY DOES NOT CONFORM WITH HEADLINE SINCE STORY CLEARLY STATES "ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT NEW LEGISLATION MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR U.S. COMPANIES TO COMPLY WITH THE ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL." ARTICLE ALSO STATES, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY "REJECTED STRONGLY-WORDED PENDING LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS, ARGUING THAT IT COULD COMPLICATE U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO U.S. EFFORTS TO KEEP A LID ON OIL PRICE INCREASES." IN BLITZER'S VIEW, NET EFFECT OF TESTIMONY "WOULD BE FURTHER TO DELAY PASSAGE OF THE BILL." OTHER NEWSPAPERS FOLLOW SIMILAR LINE.
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HA'ARETZ AND YEDIOT STRESS THE POSSITIVE ASPECT OF SUPPORT FOR ANTI-BOYCOTT BILL, WHILE DAVAR AND MAARIV CONCENTRATE ON SECRETARY'S RESERVATIONS ON CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENDING LEGISLATION.

2. PRESS PLAY ON MARCH 2 DECREASED CONSIDERABLY. POST DEVOTED THREE PARAGRAPHS TO BOYCOTT IN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE

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ON THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. STORY REPORTS A STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS WERE "NOW ABOUT 95 PERCENT IN AGREEMENT ON THE ANIT-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION." DAVAR REPORTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD YIELDED TO CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE IN CERTAIN RESPECTS BUT THAT SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE "PERPLEXED" THAT THE SECRETARY WANTS TO "RE-WRITE" PENDING ANTI-BOYCOTT BILLS. DUNNIGAN

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